



## **FAILES CREEK AND FALL CREEK TRAILS #230 & #231**

**→ 13.2 MILES ONE WAY**

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate.

**SEASON OF USE:** June to October.

**ELEVATION GAIN:** Trailhead is at 9,600'. The intersection with Big Blue Trail is located at 11,400'.

**USGS MAPS:** Sheep Mountain, Uncompahgre Peak.

**ACCESS:** From Lake City, go north towards Gunnison on Highway 149. Travel 10 miles to the signed Alpine Plateau Access Road (#868). Turn left, travel past Alpine Plateau road junction and follow the signs to the Big Blue Campground, which is 12 miles from Highway 149. The Alpine Road is narrow, steep and has sharp curves. Trailers are not recommended.

**TRAILHEAD PARKING/CAMPING:** To reach Failes Creek, start at the Alpine Trailhead located near the Alpine Guard Station. Failes Creek trail starts on the west side of Big Blue Creek about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the Alpine Trailhead. Camping is prohibited at the trailhead.

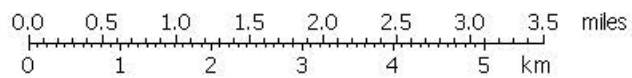
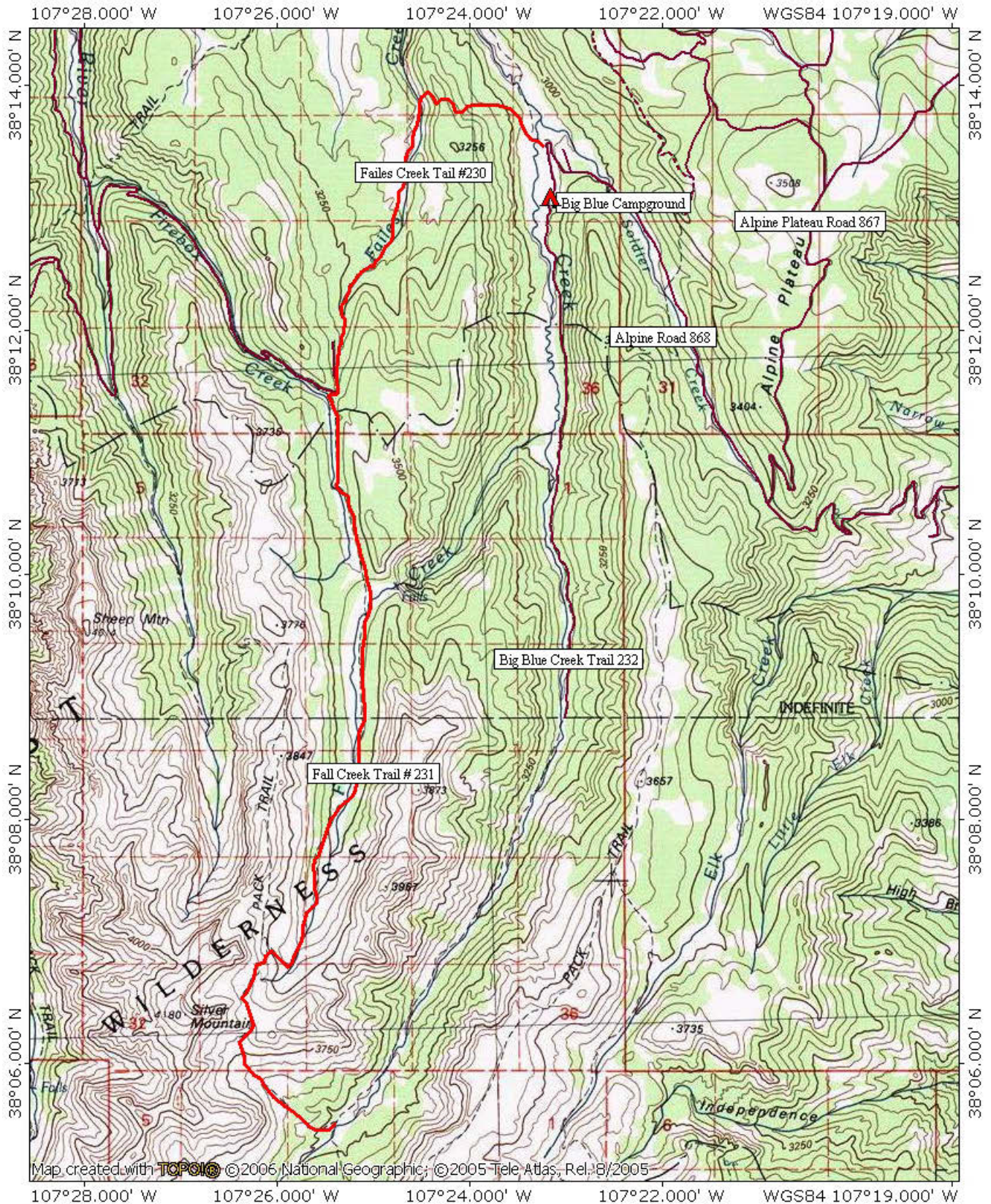
**ATTRACTIONS:** The Failes Creek trail climbs from the trailhead through an Engelmann spruce forest. After the intersection with Fall Creek Trail, the route wanders in and out of dense forest and open parks as it follows Fall Creek to its origin.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** Failes Creek trail is open to mountain bikes, but Fall Creek trail is in the Uncompahgre Wilderness where travel is by foot or horse only. Always be prepared for adverse weather including rain, hail, thundershowers and lightning. Be sure to wear sunscreen and bring plenty of drinking water. Do not drink water from mountain streams and lakes without treating it first. Be sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return.





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